

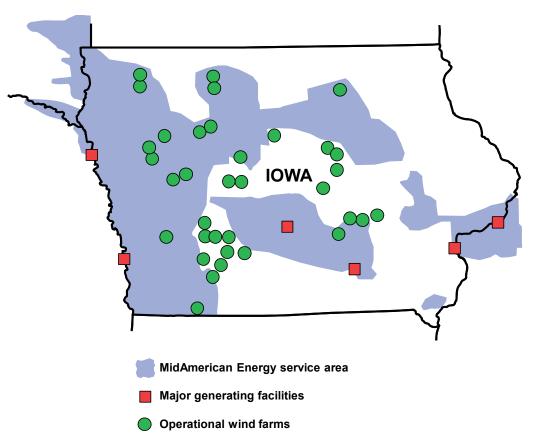
# **Iowa Homeland Security Conference Grid Operation and Event Response**

**October 13, 2022** 





### MidAmerican Energy Company Overview



- Headquartered in Des Moines, Iowa
- 3,400 employees
- 1.6 million electric and natural gas customers in four Midwestern states
- Major electric load centers in the Iowa service territory are the Quad Cities, Iowa City, Waterloo, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, and surrounding areas.
- MidAmerican is a part of the MISO Regional Transmission Organization (RTO).



## Storm Preparedness and Response

- State-of-the-art incident command center in Des Moines
- Local and remote storm centers; fleet of four mobile storm response trailers to improve access to materials for crews, no matter where impacts occur
- Expanding use of drones to assess storm damage
- Implemented employee storm role program for groups outside of electric delivery, including employee training on specific support functions provided annually

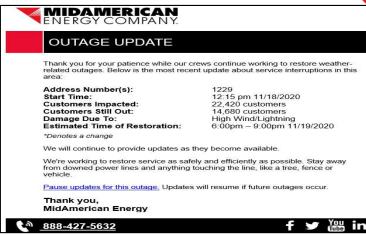


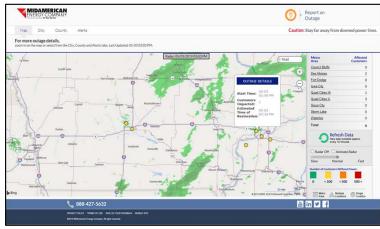




### **Outage Communications**

- Storm Outage Notifications
  - Able to define storm areas (storm Estimated Time to Restoration) vs. normal operations areas (normal Estimated Time to Restoration process)
  - Proactive updates to affected customers in storm area (8:00am, 2:00pm, 8:00pm)
- Direct email notifications and updates and proactive text updates with enrollment (>90% of customers)
- Who to Call information and safety provided in key messages
- Radio, television and online/digital, live interviews, real-time advertising, website Outage Watch



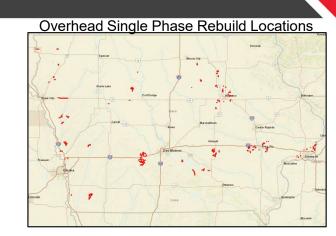




### Resilience and Reliability

#### **Storm-Hardening projects**

- Single-phase Rebuilds: Since 2019, approximately 350 miles of single-phase rebuild projects have been completed to strengthen and harden the distribution system in rural areas susceptible to long outages caused by severe weather events
- Interstate Crossings: In 2022 & 2023 MEC is replacing 19 critical transmission line interstate crossings with full containment structures to prevent a similar situation that occurred in December 2021
- Rural Distribution Ties: MEC is constructing 5 rural feeder ties annually from a list of substations with no backup to an adjacent substation – addressing extended outage risk to a community for loss of transmission or substation source





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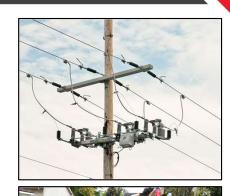


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#### Technology projects to limit outages, speed recovery

- TripSavers: Over 400 locations installed in the past five years - replace traditional line fuses with a reclosing device, avoiding temporary faults from causing sustained outages.
- Remote Capable Switches: Over 100 locations installed and commissioned since 2020 - increase visibility and allow control room operators to isolate system faults and restore affected customers more quickly
- Enhanced Wildlife Protection: Over 100 substations have been retrofitted with this specialized, custom-fitted animal protection



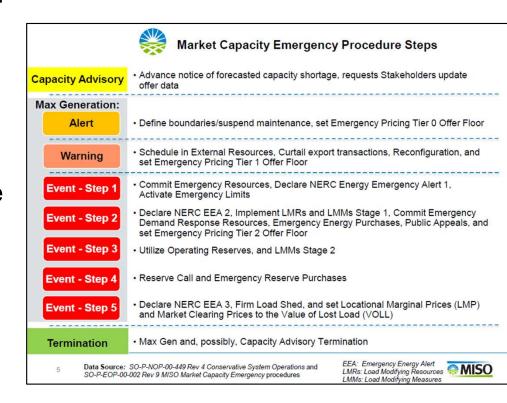






## Capacity Preparedness and Response

- MISO and MidAmerican both have thorough plans to address energy imbalances
- Before implementing firm load curtailments,
  MidAmerican will initiate demand response programs for participating customers and make public appeals to conserve energy
- If the regional capacity imbalance cannot be addressed with these steps -- including emergency imports, emergency capacity ranges -- firm load curtailments may be directed by MISO





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- MidAmerican has an automated tool within its Energy Management System to implement a rolling interruption if directed by MISO
- Approximately 25% of MidAmerican load is included
- Annual review of distribution circuits to ensure circuits that serve critical infrastructure for public safety are not included
- MidAmerican system operators enter target MW load reduction amount (directed by MISO), and target duration (60 minutes default)
- Tool will interrupt distribution circuits until MW target is reached, once target duration is reached, the next group of circuits are interrupted, and the prior group are restored
- Process continues until MISO terminates the firm curtailment request
- IUB staff will be notified by email if MISO directs firm load reduction, including MW requested from MidAmerican, number of Illinois customers affected
- Affected customers will receive outage notification and estimated duration
- Additional notifications will be posted on various media outlets

